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Subject: FW: ITC Tank Fire - Fwd: Harris County Texas
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Some info on health consult

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OK, assuming y'all aren't on the road to Crosby. After our call with the State and County this afternoon, it looks like there will be three of us (a medical toxicologist, an epidemiologist, and me) from Atlanta and Patrick from Dallas coming in on the 4th. We are currently figuring on staying through the weekend at the least. We may be splitting the team up and/or bringing in other specialist for later work.

We have seen the public information from the three websites (EPA's, TCEQ, and ReadyHarris) on the environmental data as well as reports from the Poison Controls. I've been following things since the fire began. Mostly I think they want an independent voice on the issue of the clinical testing for benzene. The state wants to look at the workers in the adjacent plants and the first responders, so we may be looking at the feasibility of something there.

Y'all have done real well under some really challenging dynamic conditions, for whatever my opinion is worth. If there is something we can do to make your lives easier, please let us know.

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Thanks for the heads up Mr Nickle, and thanks for the help.

If you need any information, please don't hesitate. Cc'ing Captain Oditt.

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Sent from my iPhone

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FYI

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Gentlemen, let me explain what is going on. After discussing matters with the Texas State Health Commissioner, Dr. Shah with Harris County Health has spoken with Dr. Pat Breyse, the Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Assistant Administrator of ATSDR. Dr. Shah has requested a team from NCEH/ATSDR to assist his team deal with the environmental human health implications of the ITC fire. Dr. Breyse tasked

me this morning to assemble a team of 3-4 people to travel to Houston and provide the support to Harris County Health in accordance with our obligations under the Public Health Service Act. We are working to iron out the details of that support.

I realize Coast Guard Sector Houston and EPA Region 6 have been heavily involved first in the air release and the subsequent on-going water response. I did not want to have our team show up without letting Mr. Adams, the EPA OSC, or Captain Oditt, Sector Houston, know we are coming. Right now, it looks like I will be the team lead; my contact information is below. If I can answer any questions before hand, I will be glad to do so.

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Rich,

I am copying the RRT Co-Chairs. Ronnie Crossland (EPA) and Mike Sams (Coast Guard) as POC for your Atlanta team helping/supporting county health. Emails included above so you can reach them directly.

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